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1. The Shihchiachuang (114-28,38-02) region of Hopoh has become one of the most important military storage areas for arms, ammunition, food and supplies of the Chinese Communist Army. In the spring of 1951 the Supply and Service Command of the Revolutionary Military Council ordered the construction of warehouses in caves in the hills on the outskirts of Shihchiachuang. It was planned to construct 54 warehouses before the end of 1951 which would be allocated as follows:

- a. Arms Depot: 14 warehouses which would store part of the arms and ammunition production of the Taiyuan Arsenal.
- b. Food Supply Depot: 17 warehouses, primarily for the storage of flour.
- c. Clothing and Bedding Depot: 11 warehouses for uniforms, military boots, clothing, blankets and other accessories.
- d. Fuel Depot: 4 warehouses for liquid fuel.
- e. Communications Supply Depot: 2 warehouses for spare parts of motor and animal-drawn vehicles.
- f. Miscellaneous: 6 warehouses for army engineering tools, obsolescent military supplies, etc.

2. By the end of October, 36 warehouses had been completed, and construction of the others was in progress. At the same time, civilian laborers were building railway spurs and motor roads from the warehouses to the Shikchiachuang railway station to facilitate movement of supplies.

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